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### General

1. Unlike the other Eastern European states, Yugoslavia has made its Border Guard (Granicera) a component of its State Secretariat of Defense. The Border Guard sees to the military security of the frontier and also has customs guard and border police functions. The actual border traffic control functions are undertaken by the police, however.

### Organization

2. The supreme headquarters of the Border Guard is in Belgrade. Subordinate to it are six Border Guard Brigades, each containing three to five battalions. Each battalion consists of three companies of three 50 to 60-man platoons each. The platoons are divided into three or four squads which man border posts. The total strength of the Border Guard is estimated at 13,500.
3. After the dissolution in 1953 of the State Secretariat of Interior's security force known as the KMOJ (Korpus Narodne Odbrane Jugoslavije), all the units charged with border duties were placed under the jurisdiction of the State Secretariat for National Defense. The commander of the Border Guard is Colonel General Rudolf PRIMORAC.

### Recruitment and Training

4. The Border Guard is not a special elite force, but consists of conventional infantry troops who have undergone in addition to their regular infantry training a short special course in border guard duties. Only politically-reliable men are inducted for border service. It is further claimed that border guards are better paid than other members of the armed forces. In order to enhance the reliability of the Border Guard, as a general rule guards are sent to border sectors in which the population is different from that of the guards. The border guards in Slovenia, for example, are mainly Serbs, Montenegrins, and Macedonians.

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**5. Organization****436th Border Guard Brigade, Ljubljana**

- 229th Battalion, Sezana
  - 1st Company, Nova Gorica
  - 2nd Company, Kopriva
  - 3rd Company, Kozina
- 64th Battalion, Tolmin
  - 1st Company, Zaga
  - 2nd Company, Kobarid
  - 3rd Company, Kojško
- 38th Battalion, Radovljica
  - 1st Company, Jezersko
  - 2nd Company, Zirovnica
  - 3rd Company, Kranjska Gora
- 6th Battalion, Dravograd
  - 1st Company, Podvelka
  - 2nd Company, Dravograd
  - 3rd Company, Crna
- 95th Battalion, Gornja Radgona
  - 1st Company, Cankova
  - 2nd Company, Apaca
  - 3rd Company, Sv. Kungota

**199th Border Guard Brigade, Podravska Slatina**

- 7th Battalion, Murska Sobota
  - 1st Company, Lendava
  - 2nd Company, Dubrovnik
  - 3rd Company, Gornji Petroveci
- 7th Battalion, Virovitica
  - 1st Company, ?
  - 2nd Company, ?
  - 3rd Company, ?
- 7th Battalion, Beli Manastir
  - 1st Company, ?
  - 2nd Company, Torjanci
  - 3rd Company, Dolnji Miholjac

**125th Border Guard Brigade, Stari Becej**

- 56th Battalion, Bajmok
  - 1st Company, Palic
  - 2nd Company, Tavankut
  - 3rd Company, Stanisic
- 7th Battalion, Kikinda
  - 1st Company, Jasa Tomic
  - 2nd Company, Srpska Crnja
  - 3rd Company, Banatsko Arandjelovo
- 58th Battalion, Vrsac
  - 1st Company, Bela Crkva
  - 2nd Company, Veliko Srediste
  - 3rd Company, Konak

**229th Border Guard Brigade, Knjazevac**

- 25th Battalion, Dolnji Milanovac
  - 1st Company, Brza Palanka
  - 2nd Company, Donji Milanovac
  - 3rd Company, Golubac

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7th Battalion, Zajecar  
1st Company, Aldinac  
2nd Company, Grljan  
3rd Company, Rajac

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7th Battalion, Pirot  
1st Company, Zvonce  
2nd Company, Dimitrovgrad  
3rd Company, Visocka Rzana

7th Battalion, Bosiljgrad  
1st Company, Bistar  
2nd Company, Izvor  
3rd Company, Vlasina

476th Border Guard Brigade, Skopje

78th Battalion, Pehcevo  
1st Company, Novo Selo  
2nd Company, Berovo  
3rd Company, Delcevo

7th Battalion, Gevgelija  
1st Company, Konopista  
2nd Company, Gevgelija  
3rd Company, Novi Dojran

7th Battalion, Bitola  
1st Company, Stenje  
2nd Company, Medzitlija  
3rd Company, ?

19th Battalion, Debar  
1st Company, Zirovnica  
2nd Company, Debar  
3rd Company, Struga

54th Battalion, Djakovica  
1st Company, Junik  
2nd Company, Djakovica  
3rd Company, Dragas

9th Independent Border Guard Battalion, Titograd

1st Company, ?  
2nd Company, Andrijevisa  
3rd Company, Prokletije Mountains, SW of Pec

475th Border Guard Brigade, Split

7th Battalion, Dubrovnik  
1st Company, Bar  
2nd Company, Hercegnovi  
3rd Company, Sipan Island  
4th Company, Lastovo Island

7th Battalion, Split  
1st Company, Korkula Island  
2nd Company, Hvar Island  
3rd Company, Vis Island

7th Battalion, Zadar  
1st Company, Sibenik  
2nd Company, Zirje Island  
3rd Company, Dugi Otok Island

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7th Battalion, Pula  
 1st Company, Losinj Island  
 2nd Company, Pula  
 3rd Company, Rovinj  
 4th Company, Piran

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6. Organization of Border Guard Units along the Austrian Frontier

436th Border Guard Brigade, Ljubljana

38th Battalion, Radovljica

1st Company, Jezersko

Posts at: Ankova-Planina  
 Hainsturn  
 Medvodje  
 Pecovnik  
 Virnik  
 Muri  
 Ankova Planina  
 Sesberg-Sattel  
 Jenko Planina

2nd Company, Zirovnica

Posts at: Mlince Planina  
 Rosenkogel  
 Rosenbach-Sattel  
 Kahlkogel  
 Lepi Vrh  
 Baeren-Sattel  
 Valvasor-Huette  
 Stol  
 Belsica-Sattel  
 Zelenica-Planina  
 Ljibelj  
 Hains-Sattel

3rd Company, Kranjska Gora

Posts at: Ratece  
 Tromedje  
 Podkoren  
 Vojsca  
 Srednji Vrh  
 Hodnik  
 Mallestiger  
 Belca

6th Battalion, Dravograd

1st Company, Podvelka

Posts at: Pernica  
 Primuskogel  
 Sveti Jernej  
 Koslic  
 Sveti 3 Kralji  
 Kapunar  
 Radlje  
 Brezni Vrh  
 Gorna Kapla  
 Srzanj  
 Halat  
 Sveti Duh

2nd Company, Dravograd

Posts at: Jamnik  
 Erjauc  
 Strojna  
 Ljibelice  
 Jelenko  
 Senenik  
 Goriski Vrh  
 Huehnerkogel  
 Jancki Fels

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**3rd Company, Crna**

Posts at: Logar Planina  
 Paulic Sattel  
 Pastirk Sattel  
 Sveti Duh  
 Egejski Vrh  
 Olsova Planina  
 Koprivna  
 Topla  
 Pecen  
 Terce  
 Reht  
 Lom  
 Holmec

**95th Battalion, Gorna Radgona****1st Company, Cankova**

Posts at: Petanjci  
 Gederovci  
 Skakovci  
 Korovci  
 Gerlinei  
 Fiksinci  
 Kramarovci  
 Serdica  
 Kuzma  
 Matjasevci

**2nd Company, Apace**

Posts at: Slatki Vrh  
 Gorni Cmurek  
 Konjisce  
 Crnci  
 Apace  
 Lutverci  
 Sratovci

**3rd Company, Sveta Kungota**

Posts at: Ropic  
 Sveti Kriz  
 Sveti Jurij  
 Spicnik  
 Cirknik  
 Plac  
 Sveti Ilj  
 Cersak  
 Selinica

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**7. Commanding Officers****Unit****Brigade, Ljubljana**

Battalion, Sezana  
 Battalion, Tolmin  
 Battalion, Radovljica  
 Battalion, Dravograd  
 Battalion, Gorna Radgona

**Brigade, Podravska Slatina**

Battalion, Murska Sobota  
 Battalion, Virovitica  
 Battalion, Beli Manastir

**Commanding Officer****Col. Mihajlo BLAZEVIC**

Capt. 1st Class Djuro PESKIR  
 Lt. Col. Bogdan STOJANOVIC  
 Major Milutin TRBOJEVIC  
 Major Franc CUK  
 Major Marko SODJA

**Col. Mile KOLUNDJICA**

Major MILOT (fnu)  
 Major Stevo VOJNOVIC  
 Major Pajo LIVADA

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>
<u>Brigade, Stari Becej</u>	Lt. Col. Simon MISCEVIC
Battalion, Bajmok	Major Milan PEJIC
Battalion, Kikinda	Major Mirko TADINAC
Battalion, Vrsac	Major Spasoje BOJEVIC
<u>Brigade, Knjazevac</u>	Col. Djuro BAKRAC
Battalion, D. Milanovac	Major Vojislav NIKCEVIC
Battalion, Zajecar	Major Cedo GLISIC
Battalion, Piro	Major Stevo MIHAJLOVIC
Battalion, Bosiljgrad	Major Franc PETRIC
<u>Brigade, Skopje</u>	Col. Marko SRDIC
Battalion, Pehcevo	Major Obren MARKOVIC
Battalion, Gevgelija	Major KOSTIC (fnu)
Battalion, Bitola	Major Slavko BADANJAC
Battalion, Debar	Major Bosko MEDIC
Battalion, Djakovica	Lt. Col. DIMIJANOVIC (fnu)
<u>Ind. Battalion, Titograd</u>	Col. Franc ROJSEK
<u>Brigade, Split</u>	?
Battalion, Dubrovnik	?
Battalion, Split	?
Battalion, Zadar	1st Lt. RAZIN (fnu)
Battalion, Pula	?

Border Dimensions

8. The total length of the Yugoslav border measures 4,949 kilometers. The common border with Austria measures 324 kilometers, with Hungary 623 kilometers, with Rumania 557 kilometers, with Bulgaria 536 kilometers, with Albania 466 kilometers, with Greece 263 kilometers, and with Italy 204 kilometers. The country has 1,996 kilometers of coastline.

Sectors of the Border Guard Brigades

9. The various border sectors are guarded by the following brigades:

Austrian: parts of the Ljubljana Border Guard Brigade

Hungarian: Podravska Slatina brigade and parts of the Stari Becej brigade

Rumanian: parts of the Stari Becej and Knjazevac brigades

Bulgarian: parts of the Knjazevac and Skopje brigades

Greek: parts of the Skopje brigade

Albanian: parts of the Skopje brigade and the independent battalion at Titograd

Italian: parts of the Ljubljana brigade

Coastline: Split Border Guard Brigade

Behavior of the Border Guard

10. The extremely strict regulations governing the work of the Border Guard which were in effect after World War II have been appreciably relaxed.

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Border controls are now strict but correct. The border patrols are not very meticulously carried out [redacted]

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[redacted] Suspicious persons arrested by the Yugoslav Border Guard are turned over to the People's Militia (police).

#### Communications

11. There are telephone connections from brigade headquarters through battalion, company, and platoon headquarters to the individual border posts. There are radio communications from brigade headquarters through the battalions to the companies. The Border Guard units are supplied by the Army supply organizations in the area.

#### Political Indoctrination

12. The ideological orientation of the Border Guard troops is intensively pursued down to the company level by specially trained political officers. The selectivity of the recruitment combined with the political indoctrination make for a high degree of reliability. By means of the intensive orientation and despite the very rigorous training, the morale of the border guards is good. Most of them are of peasant origin, primitive, vigorous, undemanding, and easily led. Discipline is extremely rigid. Psychologically and physically, the condition of the Yugoslav Border Guard is good.

#### Equipment and Weapons

13. The uniforms of the Border Guard do not differ from those of other infantry units. Only the insignia, a crossed rifle and pistol, indicates service in the Border Guard. Border Guard equipment does not differ from that of the infantry, except for the fact that only light weapons are used. A border post is equipped with one light machine gun, one or two pistols, one or two flare pistols, one set of binoculars, and one watchdog. Half the men carry M 98 rifles and half carry sub-machine guns. Every man carries two hand grenades.
14. A border post is generally staffed by 10 to 15 men. The post housing the platoon leader, who in the Border Guard is almost always a commissioned officer, is generally larger than other posts. Existing buildings are often requisitioned as a border post headquarters. The posts are generally about 500 meters inside the frontier.

#### Border Defenses

15. Little attempt has been made to erect an "iron curtain" along the Yugoslav border. Pre-World War II bunkers exist in places along the frontier but they are not manned. Only in some places on the Adriatic coast have new bunker-type fortifications been erected. In most of the strategic places along the general frontier, simple field fortifications have been erected.

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